

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David J. Ecker *et al.*  
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Entitled: **Methods for Rapid Detection of Pathogens in Humans and Animals**

Group No.: 1637  
Examiner: J.N. Fredman

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED MAY 11, 2007**

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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 11, 2007 due on or before August 11, 2007. Applicants herein file a Request for Continued Examination with this Amendment. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office to charge Attorney Docket Account No. 08-1290, referencing Attorney Docket No.: ISIS-10449 when charging Attorney Deposit Account.

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